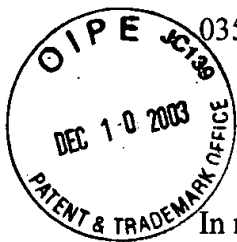


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In re Application of:

MASAAKI NAKABAYASHI

Application No.: 09/928,337

Filed: August 14, 2001

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)
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Examiner: M. Vargot

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December 9, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003, kindly amend the
above-captioned application as follows and consider the following remarks.